

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RON HUPPERT,)
Plaintiff(s),) No. C 05-1433 SBA (BZ)
v.) **INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER**
CITY OF PITTSBURG,)
Defendant(s).)

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All discovery in this matter has been referred to United States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.

In the event a discovery dispute arises, the parties shall meet in person or, if counsel are outside the Bay Area, by telephone and make a good faith effort to resolve their dispute. Exchanging letters or telephone messages about the dispute is insufficient. The Court will not read subsequent positioning letters; parties shall instead make a contemporaneous record of their meeting using a tape recorder or a court reporter.

In the event they cannot resolve their dispute, the parties must participate in a telephone conference with the Court **before** filing any discovery motions or other papers.

1 The party seeking discovery shall request a conference in a
2 letter served on all parties not exceeding two pages (with no
3 attachments) which briefly explains the nature of the action
4 and the issues in dispute. Other parties may reply in similar
5 fashion within two days of receiving the letter requesting the
6 conference. The Court will contact the parties to schedule
7 the conference.

8 After the conference with the Court, if filing papers is
9 deemed necessary, they should be filed **electronically filed**
10 with the Clerk's Office, with **one hard copy delivered directly**
11 **to Magistrate Judge Zimmerman's Chambers (Room 15-6688)**. A
12 chambers copy of all briefs shall be submitted on a diskette
13 formatted in WordPerfect 6, 8, 9 or 10. The diskette shall be
14 scanned for virus before submission.

15 | Dated: August 22, 2005

Bernard Zimmerman
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United States Magistrate Judge